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Sent:

Tuesday, November 27, 2018 2:08 PM

To:

'Todd B'

Subject:

RE: Duke Rate Hike - Public Comment

Dear Mr. Burris,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Letter of Protest/Comments to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Your Letter of Protest/Comments will be placed in the Protest File of the Docket listed below and on the Commission's Website at www.psc.sc.gov.

• Docket No. 2018-319-E - Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for Adjustments in Electric Rate Schedules and Tariffs and Request for an Accounting Order

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If we may be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Duke Rate Hike - Public Comment

Hello,

Enclosed, please find my comments related to the recent Duke Energy Proposal submitted to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina.

NO! I would push that proposal right back across the desk and inform Duke that they cannot simply raise consumer costs because they want to modernize and generate cleaner energy.

No other corporation in South Carolina simply increases rates to their customers to modernize and produce "cleaner". Would this investment not be a savings to Duke in the long run anyway? You must hand it to Duke, it's a great strategy. Gain approval to raise rates and save on the back end, while figuring the stupidity of the SC government will allow it. I don't think-so. If Duke does prevail, who audits Duke to see that they are indeed investing as they say they would in the proposal?

Private companies plan for capital investments well ahead of time and do not simply request price increases to accomplish this. When someone with guts pushes that proposal right back across the desk to Duke, add this: Present to us a plan as to how Duke will DECREASE it's own costs to offset your investment requirement.

This appears to be same old, same old. Duke just relies on price increases and to hell with controlling their own costs. Hey Duke, join the real world for a change.

Thank you, Todd R Burris
Proud resident of South Carolina